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ENVYING THE POOR EDITOR.

THERE is a strange fascination about the newspaper business which conveys the impression that the average printing office is a branch mint. The administration is no exception to the rule for the outline of the war taxes demonstrates that the men at Washington believe there is so much money in the newspaper business that few publishers would miss the millions which it is proposed to assess against their properties. In the first place the war measure proposes to double the mailing cost, then, by districting the country into zones, with a rapid increase for every 200 miles of distance represented in circulation, the postage rates would be mathematically pyramided to an almost prohibitory extent. Then, on top of this comes a tax on money collected for advertising on which the publishers will be compelled to pay an additional sum. Postage rates on publicity business are doubled so that the firms engaged in sending out vast quantities of printed matter will hesitate about continuing in business. All this hits the printer worse than the assessments against any other forms of business, for it means the withdrawal of much work that helps to tide the newspaper over periods of dullness. However, should the man of ink still succeed in making more than a meager living out of this costly plant, the tax collector knocks at the door once more with a demand for a glance at his books to establish the fact that he is not making excess profits that render him liable to another levy in the shape of a sur tax. No wonder that the publishers of the United States are inquiring what is meant by these impositions on one special line of business, especially when the government appeals to them to give free space to everything the various branches of the administration chooses to send out under the guise of a patriotic offering. We hear of an appropriation of a billion dollars for the construction of a new merchant marine to replace the one which Mr. Wilson and his followers drove off the sea by refusing to encourage the construction of American bottoms. The latter destruction occurred only four years ago when the Republicans in congress were trying to convince the free trade administration that a day would come when the farmers of the country would become the chief victims of a niggardly shipping policy. This time has arrived, but contemplation of the errors of the past do not appear to stimulate charitable thoughts for the people of the present day. If it is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the nation to extend substantial bonuses to shipbuilders it should be obvious that publishers cannot remain in business when they are taxed to death. There should be some limitation to this reckless system of raising revenues, for the administration must realize that were it not for the free space devoted to recruiting, bond selling and food conservation, none of these plans could be carried to a successful fruition. The administration is dependent to a large extent on the publishers who give their space without stint and with a whole heartedness that is not surpassed by any other line of business. The revenue bill as reported by the ways and means committee of the house has to pass the senate and it is hoped that common sense will suggest a revision of some of the stringent taxes which it is proposed to inflict on the men who must be relied on to keep up interest in financing the war by cheerfully contributing their space.

NEVADA'S OPPORTUNITY.

IT IS one thing to donate land to the government for increasing the growth of various commodities and to increase the production of land already under cultivation. To take up wild lands or bring under crop areas that have not been developed calls for more money than the government can afford to spend unless there is a possible chance of securing the return of at least the principal. This is a problem that can be worked out with profit both to the state and the people brought to the task of raising crops where none was raised before. Under the Lahontan project there is abundance of water to increase the planted area some 10,000 acres. The water is there and may be turned in the right direction without any material increase in the overhead charge, but the rub comes when the government looks around for the man with the hoe who is going to pay out his own good money for conversion of the same arid section of the desert to an arable region teeming with wealth. The secretary of agriculture has asked for an appropriation of \$25,000,000 to be apportioned among the several states for the purpose of defraying the expenses of tillage, but so far no action has been taken. The planting season is waning and, if anything is to be done, it is high time that early action be authorized. Even now it may be too late to get any results this year, but next year the machinery of the farm department should be so well organized that there would be plenty of inducement for farmers to enter government lands and bring them under cultivation. All this can be done in a business like way and with small risk. Public lands that are susceptible to cultivation should be reclaimed for the benefit of the homesteader that he may be induced to enter thereon and begin operations with a substantial loan from the government secured by his title to the land. The loan would be distributed through the regular channels of the agricultural colleges which would be responsible for every dollar of the outlay. For instance, the 10,000 acres of available land under the Lahontan project now worthless unless money is forthcoming to provide for the essential expenditures such as the construction of small homes, outhouses, barns, supplying machines and implements to give the farm the hope of one day owning the land he is asked to reclaim. One of the greatest costs in entering on any of the government reclamation projects is leveling the ground so that it may be irrigated by gravity flow. If the interior department provided for this movement the action would do away with a reasonable prejudice that exists against entering such an undertaking. The settler would not be called upon for the first five years to pay for more than the actual cost of the water and at the end of that time he would be in a position to begin liquidating the advances made in his behalf at a low rate of interest that would not work any hardship. The ob-

ject of this plan is to settle the state by bringing in a thrifty and industrious class of citizens whose efforts to establish homes would more than repay the government for the initial cost with all expenses attached. Competent authorities estimate that by the expenditure of \$250,000 advanced by the government to Nevada that at least 50,000 acres could be brought under cultivation and add half a million dollars to the crop values of the state every year.

An optimist is a jewel of Heaven's own selection. In the gloom of dire forebodings it is bracing to read the statement of Louis Hill that this year will show the record crops for every section of the northwest. However, this should not prevent the poor man from putting in a patch of potatoes to have an anchor out to windward.

New York always does things on a princely scale and the fact that the comptroller of that little burg suggests cutting down expenses \$34,000,000 a year during war times shows what can be done where there is a will.

It is a timely reminder that these are war times and the man who is prone to shooting off his mouth on the slightest provocation is apt to border closely on the treason zone.

With 70 per cent war tax on inheritances of \$15,000,000 it behooves everybody to look out for the health of their rich relatives.

Buy a war bond and put a nail in the coffin of the kaiser and militarism.

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Salt Lake	20	12	.625
San Francisco	20	14	.588
Oakland	16	17	.485
Portland	15	16	.484
Vernon	15	20	.429
Los Angeles	13	20	.394

Yesterday's Games

At Los Angeles	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	4	8	1
Portland	4	17	0

Batteries: Hall and Lapan; Helfrich and Fisher.

At Salt Lake	R.	H.	E.
Salt Lake	8	9	2
San Francisco	0	6	3

Batteries: Hoff and Hannab; Steen, Dougherty and Baker.

At Oakland	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	4	9	0
Vernon	2	7	2

Batteries: Beer, Prough and Roche; Johnson, Quinn and Simon.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
St. Louis	12	7	.632
Chicago	15	9	.625
New York	9	6	.600
Philadelphia	9	7	.562
Boston	7	8	.467
Cincinnati	11	13	.458
Brooklyn	5	10	.333
Pittsburg	7	14	.333

BROOKLYN, May 10.—The Brooklyn-Chicago game was the only game played in the National League, rain interfering. Chicago won, 7 to 3. Batteries: Reuther, Prendergast and Elliott; Coombs, Smith, Aldridge and Miller.

LIST OF LOSSES AMONG THE CANADIAN TROOPS

(By Associated Press.) OTTAWA, May 10.—Casualties among the Canadian expeditionary forces from the time they entered the war up to yesterday had reached a total of 89,343 killed, wounded and missing, according to a report made last night by the war records office.

It's easy to talk about "drafting bachelors," but it's hard to land 'em. They're shy birds.—Chicago Post.

Honestly, if you get right down to it, we don't really care whether G. Farrar is pro-German or not.—Chicago Post.

Those Yankee gunners on the Mongolia lived up to the reputation all Yankee gunners have.—Detroit Free Press.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	12	5	.706
New York	10	7	.588
Chicago	14	10	.588
St. Louis	11	11	.500
Cleveland	10	13	.435
Detroit	8	11	.421
Washington	7	12	.368
Philadelphia	6	11	.353

CLEVELAND, May 10.—Cleveland 1, Detroit 4. Batteries: Kieffer, Coumbe and O'Neil; Elmske and Spencer. Second game: Cleveland 1, Detroit 9. Batteries: Morton, Lambeth, Gould and Billings; C. Jones and Spencer.

BOSTON, May 10.—Boston, 4; Washington, 1. Batteries: Shore and Agnew; Dumont and Henry. Second game: Boston, 3; Washington, 4. Batteries: Mays and Thomas; Shaw and Almsmith.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Chicago, 4; St. Louis, 2. Batteries: Williams, Cotte and Schalk; Groom and Severeid.

MUST DO AS TOLD TO BE INDEMNIFIED

WAR LOSSES PAID ONLY WHEN OFFICIAL ROUTES FOR SAILING ARE FOLLOWED

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10.—Losses to owners of vessels and cargoes due to detention, seizure or capture by allied warships will no longer be paid by the government's war risk insurance bureau, Secretary McAdoo announces, and hereafter all vessels will have to comply with American naval orders as to routes, ports of call and stoppages. Sailings against the orders of naval authorities will result in forfeiture of the insurance.

Heretofore such losses have been provided for in policies but the entrance of the country into the war makes the changes necessary. Seizures or detention of a vessel by an allied warship will be regarded in precisely the same manner as if the seizure or detention were due to the action of an American warship. Restrictions also probably will be announced later limiting insurance on cargoes to vessels, which are insured by the war risk bureau.

MRS. BALLIET EXPERIMENTING WITH A GARDEN IN TONOPAH

Under the agitation for increased food products, Mrs. Letson Balliet figured out a plan to save the waste of mine water from the Buckeye mine, by having two or three acres plowed up for gardens below the dump. In this garden she has planted onions, beets, radishes, lettuce, peas, beans, squash, watermelons, muskmelons, turnips and will have about an acre in potatoes.

The fertility of the ground was her only doubt but as her onions are already three inches high and the radishes and beets and turnips are spreading their leaves an inch

broad, the doubt as to the land is removed, and she will have another acre or so plowed at once.

Last year she planted a climbing rose at the west dining room window, which grew to the eaves of the house, and this year she has planted a dozen more climbing roses around the house and set out some ivy vines along the porch. Two snowball bushes and six Chinese locust trees and a variety of flower seeds have been planted. While the flowers are largely experimental, it is expected that some will be found that will do better than others in this country.

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